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1. Talked with Representative William C. Bray (R., Ind.) concerning his extensive trip through Black Africa mentioning that we would very much appreciate seeing him upon his return to collect his impressions and thoughts. Mr. Bray was most receptive mentioning that on a previous occasion he had assisted us by looking for certain items. I indicated we did not have any such requests. He stated he was taking his wife who was a professional secretary for the purpose of taking extensive notes and would be very pleased to meet with us upon his return. He seemed most appreciative of our calling.

2. Received from Richard Arens, HCUA, a copy of the Executive Session transcript of the interrogation of one [redacted] who labelled [redacted] as a Communist. The transcript must be returned tomorrow. The information therein will be made available to IO with the request that they follow up with this office with the view of considering appropriate action insofar as HCUA is concerned.

3. Left with Representative Armistead L. Selden's office some unclassified material prepared by CI Staff relating to American Communists or Communist supporters who travel abroad on U. S. passports. Selden had requested this material from the Agency through John Sipes of State Department. The material was unclassified but was furnished on the stipulation that it would not be attributed to CIA.

4. Mary Irwin on the staff of the Constitutional Rights Subcommittee of Senate Judiciary Committee called saying she had a letter stating the confidential funds of CIA were unconstitutional. She mentioned that the constituent, [redacted] said he had contacted Representative Silvio O. Conte and I confirmed this saying we had furnished written material to Conte and would be glad to make a copy available. She thought this would be sufficient and a copy is going forward.

5. Talked with Ken Belieu concerning the proposed trip of Senator John Stennis (D., Miss.) to be accompanied by Harold Merrick of the staff of Senate Appropriations and Belieu. Belieu advised he was not traveling. After checking with the Senator, Belieu advised that the Senator would be delighted to make contact and receive CIA briefings abroad. Appropriate cable will be prepared.

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